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# Panther Sports News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Norm Evans (Joliet-Central), 6-0 freshman for Eastern Illinois University's basketball team, was the No. 1 reserve point guard appearing in 25 of the 30 games.

He averaged almost ten minutes a game and scored 2.6 p/game with 23 assists and 27 steals. His top point production was eight points against Southwest Missouri.

"I was really pleased with what Norm accomplished as a freshman and that excites me as the staff anticipates what he will be able to accomplish here in his career," said head coach Rick Samuels.

"He gained valuable experience this year, not only by just playing quite a bit but being able to play in critical situations. Those situations showed us he will be a competitive player who can make positive things happen on the floor.

"We'll be very comfortable with him at point guard although we would like to have him beef up a bit so that he can withstand the rigors of a long collegiate season," Samuels explained.

Eastern finished with a 20-10 record, a significant achievement in that it's only the fourth year the Panthers have been a NCAA Division I team. EIU concluded the year with a Mid-Continent tournament championship by defeating Southwest Missouri, 75-64, in the title game.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>G(GS)</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>FG%</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>FT%</u>	<u>REB</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>AVE</u>
1985	25	18	39	.461	29	43	.674	23	65	2.6